

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Moncure Connector Road

ITEM NO: 9E

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MEETING: May 25, 2004
ACTION DATE: May 25, 2004

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve the VDOT concept for alignment of a commuter connector road on school Board owned property at Moncure Elementary School by adopting the attached "revised" resolution.

KEY POINTS:

- On October 14, 2004 the School Board received an information briefing regarding a VDOT concept for alignment of a commuter connector road between Staffordboro Lane and Doc Stone Road.
- Proposed connector road project would also include realignment of Moncure Lane, the existing ingress/egress path for Moncure Elementary School further to the east such that it would intersect the new connector road in a "T" intersection, thus avoiding use of the existing alignment which would otherwise become part of a dangerous five-way intersection.
- On October 28, 2004 the School Board adopted a resolution which granted VDOT the ability to proceed with the planning and execution of the proposed commuter connector road given the interests of the school division are upheld.
- On May 14, 2004 the County Attorney informed the Superintendent that the October 28, 2003 resolution did not properly declare the Moncure Elementary property surplus and authorize the sale of the same to the Board of Supervisors.
- A "revised" resolution has been prepared for adoption which addresses the aforementioned concerns.

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:

Goal 5: Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

Goal 7: Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: N/A

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has embarked on a planning effort to develop a connector road between Staffordboro Lane and Doc Stone Road, where such a connection would help to alleviate traffic congestion in that portion of the Route 610 corridor, and

WHEREAS, the proposed effort includes realignment, to the east, of the existing Moncure Lane such that it will ultimately form a "T" intersection with the connector road, thus precluding a five road intersection situation were the existing alignment of Moncure Lane allowed to remain in service with the opening of the new connector road, and

WHEREAS, the proposed connector road would traverse School Board owned property, the present acreage, 19.971 acres, of which is mandated, in part by Virginia Department of Education Regulations for minimum site acreage for public schools, and

WHEREAS, the present acreage titled to the School Board is in excess of the minimum 12.65 acres required, and

WHEREAS, the School Board does not anticipate future development in support of school programs on the excess acreage, and

WHEREAS, the School Board has considered the options for conveying the property required by VDOT to accommodate the connector road, as well as realignment of the existing Moncure Lane, where such options include conveyance by easement or by fee title, and

WHEREAS, the School Board's preference is to convey the property by fee title, realizing that such conveyance must be accomplished through the County Board of Supervisors, where the School Board's role is simply to declare the property required by VDOT, currently estimated to be approximately 1.4 acres, as surplus, and

WHEREAS, such conveyance will be initiated by the Board upon receipt, from VDOT, of proposed plats, and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to cooperate fully in this endeavor for the betterment of the community at large, but also wishes to ensure that the interests of the School Division, and Moncure Elementary School and its students and staff, in particular, are adequately addressed, with such interests including, but not necessarily limited to:

Traffic Control – the Board has serious concerns that the currently planned traffic controls for the connector road and realigned Moncure Lane (stop signs) may be inadequate to ensure that staff and student traffic, whether the latter is conveyed by school bus or private vehicle, may be unable to ingress and egress Moncure Lane, as realigned, at its intersection with the connector road, whether during peak school arrival and departure hours, or at other times, especially considering the numerous before- and after-school and evening programs hosted by the

school, in a safe, efficient, and timely manner. The School Board wishes for VDOT to consider a traffic signal at this intersection so that the safety, efficiency, and timeliness of travel to and from the school site are assured.

- b) Existing Moncure Road – Upon completion of the Moncure Road realignment, the Board would like for VDOT to consider demolishing, regrading, and landscaping the existing Moncure Road alignment (to include vacating of utility easements and right-of-way), as appropriate, so that the residual property may be conveyed to the School Board in a condition such that it is suitable to sell or trade, if the Board so wishes, as an unencumbered portion of a larger parcel.
- c) School Flashing Lights – The Board wishes for VDOT to fund school flashing lights along the connector road and Moncure Lane, should such devices be required by regulation, statute, or simply, by desire of the Board.
- d) Boundary survey and recordation – The Board expects that VDOT would accomplish all boundary survey and recordation tasks relative to right-of-way, on and off (VDOT) site easements, boundary line adjustments, etc. In addition, the Board would like for VDOT to propose and survey, for possible future use by the Board, a boundary line which would serve to delineate the minimum required 12.65 acres for the Moncure Elementary School site within a single, contiguous parcel.
- e) Access – The Board desires that access to the residual parcels which have frontage along the connector road and realied Moncure Lane be unfettered, save for appropriate statute, ordinance, and regulation which may prescribe the manner in which development along state maintained road frontage shall be allowed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County School Board wishes to allow the Virginia Department of Transportation to proceed with the planning and execution of the proposed commuter connector road described above, with the understanding that the Board wishes that its interests, stated above, be honored in the design and operation of the road. The Board further declares the property surplus and authorizes the sale of the same to the Board of Supervisors.

Approved by the School Board, May 25, 2004

Chairman, Stafford County School Board

Clerk, Stafford County School

Revised ~ May 25, 2004